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Remarks

Applicant makes clarifying amendments to independent Claims 1, 7, and 16 and adds new Claims 23-40. None of these amendments is necessary to overcome any rejection of any claim. Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable acceptance of this Application.

A check in the amount of \$292.00 is attached to cover the fee for one new independent claim and seventeen new dependent claims. Applicant believes that no further fees are due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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